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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/759,057
Filing Date	January 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	FRANCOIS MASSON ET AL.
Group Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	Peter D. Mulcahy
Attorney Docket Number	03161.001182.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

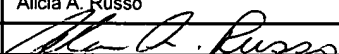
**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

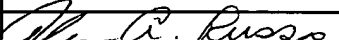
**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$ 770.00 for filing fee and \$420.00 for extension fee is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Alicia A. Russo	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	46,192
Signature		Date	March 30, 2004

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In re Application of:

FRANCOIS MASSON ET AL.

Application No.: 09/759,057

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: RUBBER COMPOSITION USABLE IN THE  
VULCANIZED STATE AS A TIRE SAFETY  
SUPPORT AND SUCH A SUPPORT



Docket No. 03161.001182.

Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy

Group Art Unit: 1713

Date: March 30, 2004

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-identified application.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	* 1	MINUS	*** 2	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$0.00
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- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 420.00 to cover the fee for a two month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

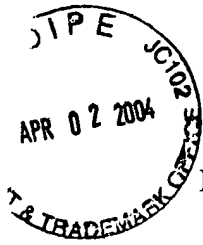
  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - ART GROUP 1763

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The Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 4, 2003. A two month extension of time to respond to the Action through April 4, 2004, is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$ 420.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed. Kindly consider the following remarks.

Applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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